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GONZALES will put in a new cotton seed oil plant, at a cost of \$30,000. And so the old town moves on.

Two genuine live Mexican boll weevils have been found down at Ezzell. The pestiferous insects are still with us.

THE supply of Filipino capitals still holds out. Aguinaldo will never surrender as long as he has a capital left to his name.

HALLETSVILLE is to have an eight weeks summer normal, and it is to be a State normal too, the Youkum Herald to the contrary notwithstanding.

Some people will learn some day that they are not editing the Herald. They will also learn that the Herald has a head of its own and does its own thinking and that it has a fool way of saying just what it thinks. —Hallettsville Herald.

Be careful, Brother, or some fool subscriber will stop his paper.

Chris Baumgarten, et., reports that his poppy patch is in a fine condition, and if nothing happens he will gather a good crop this year. This being something entirely new, the outcome will be watched with interest. —Schulenburg Sticker.

Many nice homes in Hallettsville are marred by the foul-smelling outhouses being stuck right up against the street fence. There ought to be a law covering this matter. —Hallettsville Herald.

Shiner is afflicted in the same way, and we agree with you that the nuisance should be abated.

THE Texas State Real Estate Association is to hold a convention at Waco, Texas, on June 13, and 14. It is expected that the meeting will be largely attended, and will redound in much good to the State. Low rates will be given from all points in Texas, not to exceed \$5.00 for the round trip.

In the trial of the rape cases from Colorado county, at Seguin the first of the week, the case against Tom Jones was dismissed. In the trial of Ellis Mische, alias "Blackbird," the jury after being out fifteen minutes, returned a verdict of guilty, and assessed his punishment at death. The trial of the Oakland rape case resulted in a similar verdict—the death sentence—therefore there will be a couple of hangings at Seguin sometime in the near future. Both of these brutes deserve the punishment to be meted out to them. —Weimar Mercury.

THE Texas State Press Association was in session at Dallas last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. At the opening session F. B. Baillio of the Cleburne Review offered a resolution providing for the reduction of the initiation fee from \$10 to \$5. This brought out a protracted debate, in which "Mary Jane" Cox proceeded to say the fee should remain at \$10 because they wanted no cheap men and women in their membership. To this Farmer Shaw answered: "My good sister, Mary Jane has no right to be kicking; I paid her way into this association." Amid shouts of laughter "Mary Jane" interposed a strenuous denial. The resolution was finally referred to the committee on resolutions and debate cut off. The committee afterwards reported in favor of reducing the fee to \$5 and the resolution was adopted. Eight new members were taken in.

AUGUST MOECKEL KILLED AT SEALY.

Tuesday evening at about 5:30 o'clock a telephone message was received here from Sealy announcing the killing of August Moeckel, a wealthy business man there, by Max Theumann, agent for the Lone Star Brewery at Sealy. Only one shot was fired by Theumann, the bullet striking Moeckel on the upper lip, tore through the head, lodging just under the skin at the back of the head. Moeckel sank to the floor, while Theumann stood over him and snapped his pistol at him several times, but the weapon refused to fire.

Mr. Moeckel is a brother to E. H. Moeckel at Frelsburg and a brother-in-law to C. B. Ernst, of this city, both prominent business men, and who at once left for the scene.

Mr. Theumann surrendered at once and was placed in jail at Bellville.

One report is to the effect that Theumann and Moeckel had been good friends prior to Moeckel's going to Europe some two years ago and since then bad blood has existed between the men. The Brewery had just discharged Theumann from its employment and he stepped into the bar room, where the killing took place, and told the bartender he could not deliver him any more beer. The saloon man asked him why, and Theumann replied that he had been fired and that Moeckel, the d— s— b— was the cause of it. Moeckel and a few friends were in the bar room at the time, and he not understanding what Theumann had said about him, asked Theumann what he said and at the same time stepped toward Theumann, when the latter shot him dead.

Mr. Moeckel's death is deeply deplored by his many friends here, and several of our citizens attended the funeral.

Mr. Theumann is also well known and was reared at Bernard. It is a most deplorable affair. —New Ulm News.

The murdered man, August Moeckel, was a brother-in-law of Max and Julius Wolters of this city, and with his wife and child spent several days here, about two weeks ago. He was a gentlemanly and unassuming young man, and was well liked by all who met him during his visit. The bereaved wife has the fullest sympathy of all her Shiner friends.

MAY FEAST AT WIEB.

The fifth annual May feast, given here on Sunday May 14th by the Schuetzen Verein, was a success.

Early in the forenoon people began to assemble on the grounds and late in the evening the grounds were thronged with visitors.

The music which was furnished by the Hallettsville Silver Cornet Band, was excellent and was praised by nearly all those present.

One of the most interesting features of the day being the electing of a May Queen, which resulted in the election of Miss Annie Blaschke, one of the most popular young ladies of this place. She chose her brother Paul as King.

The Witting Schuetzen Verein came out in a decorated wagon, which was very beautiful. They were met a short distance from the hall by the Wied Verein, who made them welcome.

The ball at night was well attended and lasted until 1 o'clock, when all departed for home to dream of the nice times they had. The ball passed off in the best of order.

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